REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to reflect the English language translation of the title. Claims 1-13 have been canceled and new claims 14-44 have been added.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title, and the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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